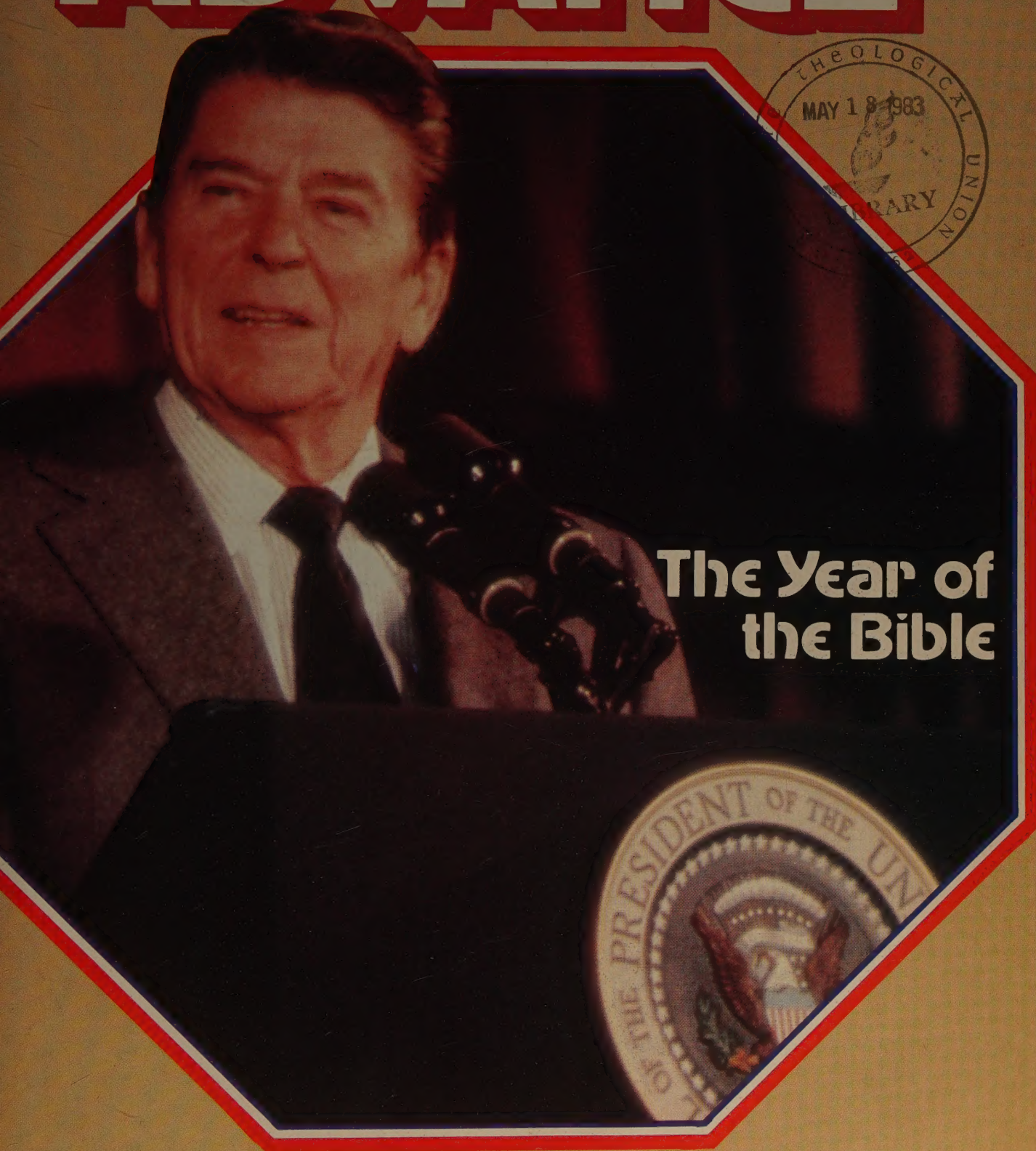


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What's Black and White and Read All Over?

You mean it doesn't surprise you that the Bible should be the book chosen to be emphasized in 1983? True, we all know the Bible is the most read book in the world. But in addition to the fact that it is God's divine Word, I didn't even start to realize the uniqueness of this Book until I discovered some amazing facts reported by I. Mac Perry in *The Bible: Why Trust It?* (Haven Books, Logos International: 1980). Consider:

"Actually a collection of 66 books, the Bible was written over a period of 1600 years by 40 different authors.

"Within its covers you will find law, history, philosophy, poetry, prophecy, biographies, Christian doctrine, and revelations of things to come.

"Some of the authors were well-learned men; others were common fishermen. Some were kings and wrote from palaces, while others wrote from prison. There were statesmen, priests, warriors, a Gentile doctor, a pharisee, and several apostles.

"Over one sixth of the Bible deals with prophecy. Concerning Jesus alone, over 300 predictions were made about Him long before He was ever born. Every one of them came true just as stated.

"For 3500 years the Bible has been a best seller.

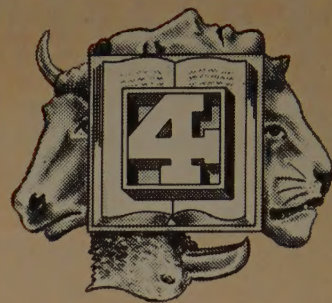
"Although not one of the *original* manuscripts exists today, more evidence exists for the validity of New Testament copies than for any other ancient piece of literature, including the works of Caesar, Plato, and Aristotle.

"When hand-copying Hebrew manuscripts, the Jewish scribes exercised the greatest possible care, even to the point of superstition—counting not only the words but every letter, noting how many times each particular letter occurred, and destroying at once the sheet on which a mistake was detected.

"Bible teachings aroused men to abolish slavery. It increased the dignity and equality of women, and instituted the doctrine of marriage. The Bible inspired the concept of orphanages to replace the killing of unwanted children by the parents; it provided influence for the first home for the blind, the first hospital, and the first asylum. The first and greatest American schools were founded by the Christian Church."

And note this as you read the address by President Reagan on pages 4-5 and about prayer for our country on pages 6-7: "History shows that nations of the past rose and fell according to their belief in the Bible. Note the heights of the Jews under Solomon, Rome under Constantine, England under Alfred the Great and Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria, and the United States under our Christian forefathers."

The Bible—a best seller for 3500 years. Let's make the Bible the most read book for year 3501.



This We Believe

...that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God (II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:19-21).

...that God is triune—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (I John 5:7; John 1:1,2,14).

...that man fell through disobedience (Romans 5:12,19).

...that Christ died to redeem us (Titus 2:14; Gal. 3:13).

...that salvation is through grace (Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 3:23,24).

...that repentance and acceptance are vital (I John 1:9; John 6:37b).

...that new birth must be experienced to become a child of God (John 3:3; II Cor. 5:17).

...in a daily Christian life (I Thess. 5:23; Heb. 6:1).

...in water baptism through immersion (Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:41).

...in the institution of the Lord's supper (I Cor. 11:23b-28).

...in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5,8; 2:4).

...in the Spirit filled life (Rom. 12:1,2; Gal. 5:16,25).

...in the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:6-8; Gal. 5:22,23; John 15:8).

...that we must be moderate in all things (Phil. 4:5).

...in Divine healing (James 5:14-16; Matt. 8:17).

...that the Second Coming of Christ is both imminent and personal (I Thess. 4:16,17).

...in Church relationship and in civil government (Heb. 10:24,25; Rom. 13:1,3).

...in the final judgment (Matt. 13:41-43).

...in heaven and hell (I Cor. 2:9; John 14:2; Rev. 20:10,15).

...in tithes and offerings to support the Lord's work (Malachi 3:10; II Cor. 9:7).

...that the Church is responsible to evangelize all nations (Mark 16:15; John 4:35-37).

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COVER PHOTO: President Ronald Reagan speaks to the National Religious Broadcasters Annual Convention in Washington, D.C., January 31, 1983. Photo by Ken Deats.

The Year of the Bible

Congress Authorizes President Reagan to Recognize the Bible's Influence On Our Nation

97th CONGRESS
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S. J. RES. 165

Authorizing and requesting the President to proclaim 1983 as the "Year of the Bible."

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Armstrong (for himself, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Heflin, Mr. Randolph, Mr. Lugar, Mr. Denton, Mr. Mattingly, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Symms, Mr. Dole, Mr. Quayle, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Kasten, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Andrews, Mrs. Kassebaum, Mr. Harry F. Byrd, Jr., Mr. DeConcini, Mr. Stennis, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. D'Amato, Mr. Jepsen, Mr. Rudman, Mr. Boren, Mr. Murkowski, Mr. Chiles, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Hatfield, and Mr. Inouye) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas the Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people;

Whereas deeply held religious convictions springing from the Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our Nation;

Whereas biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas many of our great national leaders—among them Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson—paid tribute to the surpassing influence of the Bible in our country's development, as in the words of President Jackson that the Bible is "the rock on which our Republic rests";

Whereas the history of our Nation clearly illustrates the value of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Scriptures in the lives of individuals, families, and societies;

Whereas this Nation now faces great challenges that will test this Nation as it has never been tested before; and

Whereas that renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through Holy Scripture can strengthen us as a nation and a people: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to designate 1983 as a national "Year of the Bible" in recognition of both the formative influence the Bible has been for our Nation, and our national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

The Year of the Bible

The following article is excerpted from President Ronald Reagan's address to the Annual Convention of National Religious Broadcasters on January 31, 1983. Three days later, he signed the proclamation making 1983 the "Year of the Bible."

Our Future & Our Hope

By President Ronald Reagan
President of the United States

Facing the Future with the Bible—that's a perfect theme for your convention. You might be happy to hear that I have some "good news." Thursday morning, at the National Prayer Breakfast, I will sign a proclamation making 1983 the "Year of the Bible."

We're blessed to have its words of strength, comfort and truth. I'm accused of being simplistic at times with some of the problems that confront us. I've often wondered: within the covers of that single Book are all the answers to all the problems that face us today if we'd only look there. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand for ever" (Is. 40:8, KJV). I hope Americans will read and study the Bible in 1983. It's my firm belief that the enduring values presented in its pages have a great meaning for each of us and for our nation. The Bible can touch our hearts, order our minds, refresh our souls.

Now, I realize it's fashionable, in some circles, to believe that no one in government should encourage others to read the Bible. We're told that will violate the constitutional separation of church and state established by the Founding Fathers in the First Amendment.

Well, it might interest those critics to know that, none other than the Father of our Country, George Washington, kissed the Bible at his inauguration. And he also said words to the effect that there could be no real morality in a society without religion.

John Adams called it "the best

"His name alone, Jesus, can lift our hearts, soothe our sorrows, heal our wounds and drive away our fears.

He gave us love and forgiveness. He taught us truth and left us hope."

Book in the world." And Ben Franklin said: "...the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. . . Without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel; we shall be divided by our little, partial, local interests, our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach, a byword down to future ages."

So, when I hear the First Amendment used as a reason to keep the traditional moral values away from policymaking, I'm shocked. The First Amendment was not written to protect people and their laws from religious values. It was written to protect those values from government tyranny.

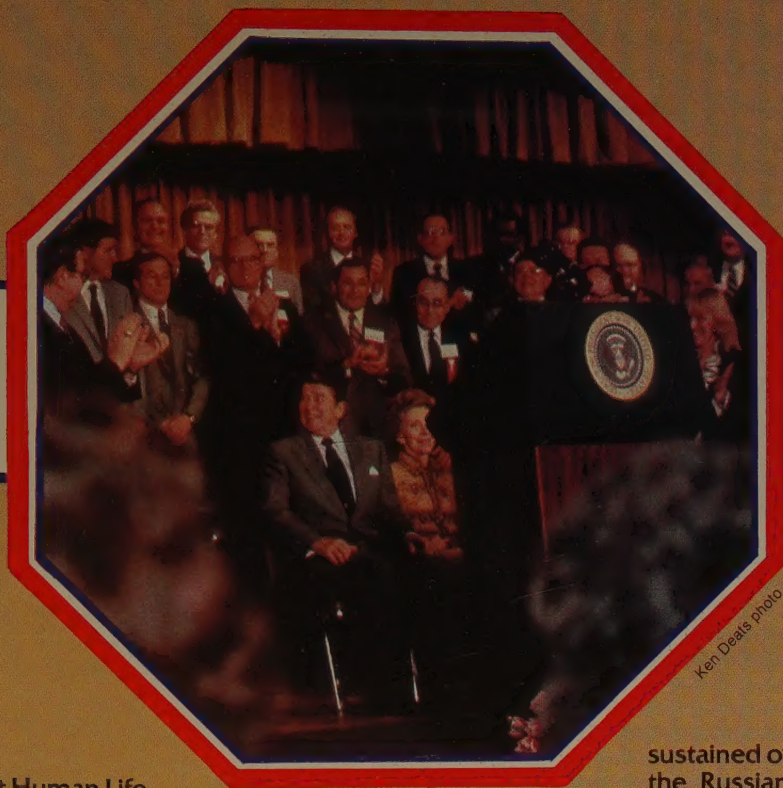
I happen to believe that one way to promote, indeed to preserve, those traditional values we share is by permitting our children to begin their days the same way the members of the United States Congress do—with prayer. The public expression of our faith in God through prayer is fundamental—as a part of our American heritage and a privilege which should

not be excluded from our schools.

No one must be forced or pressured to take part in any religious exercise. But neither should the freest country on earth ever have permitted God to be expelled from the classroom. When the Supreme Court ruled that school prayer was unconstitutional almost 21 years ago, I believe it ruled wrong. And when a lower court recently stopped Lubbock, Texas, high school students from even holding voluntary prayer meetings on the campus before or after class, it ruled wrong, too.

Our only hope for tomorrow is in the faces of our children. And we know Jesus said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14, KJV). Last year, we tried to pass an amendment that would allow communities to determine for themselves whether voluntary prayer should be permitted in their public schools. And we failed. But I want you to know something: I am determined to bring that amendment back again, and again, and again.

There is another struggle we must wage to re-dress a great, national wrong. We must go forward with unity of purpose and will. And let us come together, Christians and Jews, let us pray together, march, lobby and mobilize every force we have, so that we can end the tragic taking of unborn children's lives. Who among us can imagine the excruciating pain the unborn must feel as their lives are snuffed away? And we know medi-



ally they do feel pain.

I'm glad that a Respect Human Life Bill has already been introduced in Congress by Representative Henry Hyde. Not only does this bill strengthen and expand restrictions on abortions financed by tax dollars, it also addresses the problem of infanticide. It makes clear the right of all children, including those who are born handicapped, to food and appropriate medical treatment after birth and it has the full support of the administration.

I read in the **Washington Post** about a young woman named Victoria. She's with child, and she said: "In this society we save whales, we have timber wolves and bald eagles and Coke bottles. Yet everyone wanted me to throw away my baby." Well, Victoria's story has a happy ending. Her baby will be born.

Each year, government bureaucracies spend billions for problems related to drugs and alcoholism and disease. Has anyone stopped to consider that we might come closer to balancing the budget if all of us simply tried to live up to the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule?

You might be interested to know about a few of the changes that we're making at the Voice of America. Our transmissions of Christian and Jewish broadcasts are being expanded and improved. This year, for the first time in history, the Voice of America broadcast a religious service worldwide Christmas Eve at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.

"It's my firm belief that the enduring values presented in (the Bible's) pages have a great meaning for each of us and for our nation. The Bible can touch our hearts, order our minds, refresh our souls."

Now, these broadcasts are not popular with governments of totalitarian powers. But make no mistake, we have a duty to broadcast. Alexander Herzen, the Russian writer, warned, "To shrink from saying a word in defense of the oppressed is as bad as any crime." Well, I pledge to you that America will stand up, speak out and defend the values we share. To those who would crush religious freedom, our message is plain. You may jail your believers. You may close their churches, confiscate their Bibles and harass their rabbis and priests, but you will never destroy the love of God and freedom that burns in their hearts. They will triumph over you.

Malcolm Muggeridge, the brilliant English commentator, has written, "The most important happening in the world today is the resurgence of Christianity in the Soviet Union, demonstrating that the whole effort

sustained over 60 years to brainwash the Russian people into accepting materialism has been a fiasco."

Think of it—the most awesome, military machine in history, but it is no match for that one, single man, hero, strong yet tender, Prince of Peace. His name alone, Jesus, can lift our hearts, soothe our sorrows, heal our wounds and drive away our fears. He gave us love and forgiveness. He taught us truth and left us hope. In the Book of John is the promise that we all go by, telling us that "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16, KJV).

With His message, with your conviction and commitment, we can still move mountains. We can work to reach our dreams and to make America a shining city on a hill. Before I say goodbye, I want to leave with you these words from an old Netherlands folk song, because they made me think of our meeting here today.

"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant

And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be

Let Thy congregation escape tribulation

Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!"

To which I would only add a line from another song:

"America, America, God shed His grace on thee."

The Year of the Bible

ENERGY PRAYER A NATIONAL RESOURCE

By Dr. Paul E. Jones

President Ronald Reagan recently signed a resolution declaring 1983 as the "Year of the Bible." Many set aside May 5, the National Day of Prayer, to pray for our President and our nation.

The Apostle Paul made it very clear what the position of Christian believers should be toward government leadership. He further stated the result that would be evident in our land if we earnestly intercede in behalf of our elected leaders: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" (1 Tim. 2:1-3, KJV).

Nowhere in all of Scripture has any Christian believer been given the privilege to criticize our government leaders. On the contrary, we have been given the assignment to regularly intercede in their behalf before the throne of God. This is God's prescription for the citi-

zens of any country to lead a quiet and peaceable life and in all godliness and honesty. The Scripture further clearly declares that such a ministry of intercession for the leaders of our land "is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour."

Today, our nation stands at a very critical point. As Spirit-filled men and women of God, we have a responsibility to seriously pray for our President, Ronald Reagan; our government leadership; and the people of our great country. Many issues and problems face the elected leadership of our government, including almost unsolvable economic needs and spiritual and moral needs.

Satan knows that if he can stop the Church from praying he can stop the Kingdom of God from progressing. But in prayer, we stand against the forces of darkness; through prayer, they can never be the same. Prayer makes God irresistible. The force of strong intercessory prayer is greater than any possible combination of man-controlled powers. Intercessory prayer is the most powerful force that God entrusts to His children.

Intercessory prayer combines our will, our spirit, and our effort. As the Church possesses such dynamic power, the gates of Hell will have no power to prevail.

Basically, there is no real shortage of energy; the only shortage is our ability to use efficiently all available resources. Too often, the infinite power of prayer is

unused. However, when believers earnestly seek God in prayer, God releases spiritual energy.

Secular and religious history give conclusive evidence that prayer is man's greatest means of tapping the infinite resources of God. The ministry of prayer dominated the life of our Lord Jesus: "And in the morning, rising up as usual, He went out, and there departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" (Mark 1:35, KJV). The results of intercessory prayer were greatly manifested in the ministry of Jesus: "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about" (Luke 4:14, KJV).

In II Chronicles 20, the combined armies of Moab, Ammon and Mount Seir determined to invade the nation of Judah. Judah had insufficient military resources to engage in such a battle successfully, but the godly King Jehoshaphat "set himself to seek the Lord" and gathered all Judah together "to ask help of the Lord" (vs. 3-4, KJV).

This time of strong united intercessory prayer produced divine intervention. There came an immediate super-

But we, as men and women of God, possess a strong confidence, that through prayer we can conquer the unconquerable; through prayer we can achieve the impossible.

The power of prayer is like the energy of the sun; it is the most untapped power resource of the Church.

natural response from the Lord. The spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel, giving prophetic words of encouragement, assurance, and direction. God powerfully intervened. The enemies destroyed themselves without a single survivor. The ungodly forces, who had united themselves in hatred and opposition against the people of God, were defeated.

Men who pray make a powerful impression on local and national leaders. Governor William Penn of Pennsylvania said of the Quaker preacher George Fox, "Above all, George Fox excelled in prayer. The fewness and the fullness of his words have often struck even strangers with admiration. The most awful living reverent frame I have ever felt and beheld, I must say, was his when in prayer. He knew and lived nearer to the Lord than other men."

As kings, we rule with Christ. As priests, we share the ministry of Jesus Christ in prayerful intercession.

The daily practice of our priestly intercession becomes the key to our uniquely authority. Through prayerful intercession, we administer the authority that is ours in Jesus Christ. Through such prayerful intercession, the Holy Spirit works unhindered in His fullness.

Prayer is the foundation for every spiritual advance in the Church of Jesus Christ. History teaches us that every spiritual awakening and revival has always been preceded by strong united intercessory prayer. Intercessory prayer is vital because it taps new sources of spiritual power and blessing.

As we see the critical situations and events that face our national leaders, let us, as human mortals, unite in strong intercessory prayer. Such will be followed by a divine visitation of the mighty.

Prayer
Releases
All
Your
Eternal
Resources



Jones has served as Supervisor of the Southern California District of Foursquare Churches since 1972. He also serves as Chairman of the Foursquare Apolity Commission.

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An Open Letter of Appreciation to the White House

February 16, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

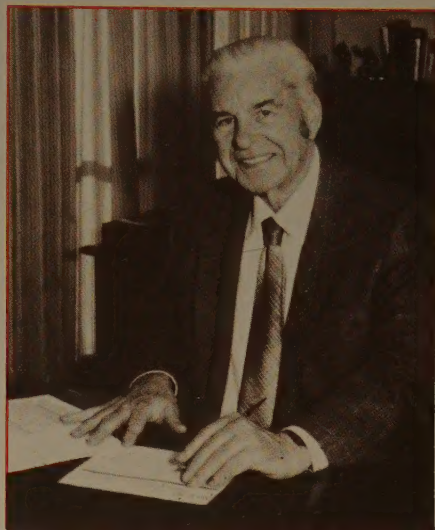
Dear President Reagan:

On behalf of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, I would like to commend you on your declaration setting forth 1983 as the "YEAR OF THE BIBLE." I can assure you our 1,000 branch churches in the United States are very appreciative of this declaration, as in the Word of God are found all of the answers to the dilemmas of today's world. We can envision this living Word transforming the people of the United States, not only morally but in righteousness and truth.

We thought you might be encouraged by this response to your courage in making this declaration. We are sure that God will bless you for your stand for HIM, and just know our prayers will continue with you.

Yours sincerely,

Rolf K. McPherson, D.D.
President
International Church of
the Foursquare Gospel



Cynthia Mullivain photo

1983 International Foursquare Convention Endorses Prayer For Our Nation

A special message to President Reagan carrying word of hundreds of prayers from our Foursquare convention delegates was sent from the convention held April 19-24. The message was in answer to the National Day of Prayer

proclaimed by President Reagan for May 5, on which day tens of millions of Americans united in prayer for our President and the needs of the nation.

The convention delegates were urged to make it a priority to pray daily for the President and others in authority. This was done in accordance with biblical instruction to pray for government officials, and to support the "Year of the Bible" emphasis.

"The vision that burns in our hearts is to see each provincial capital city with a church pastored by Spaniards, and these churches planting additional churches in their own provinces throughout the country."

*—John and Donna Verbarendse
Missionaries to Spain*

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Rev. John Verbarendse: "God is preparing resolute ministers for the work in Spain. They are strong leaders of worship...gifted teachers of the Word...and efficient administrators of church business.



"With Foursquare churches envisioned in all 50 provinces, these emerging leaders can form a network of discipleship centers from which workers will fan out everywhere. Thousands can be saved!"

The Verbarendses now pastor the Madrid Foursquare Church, directing their outreach to U.S. military families and leading expanding women's ministries. These ministries are growing, with many opportunities to minister in other areas.

Growing Freedom. 1980 was a year of "new beginnings" for evangelicals in Spain. The Religious Liberty Bill became law, freeing believers to evangelize more intensely than ever.

The youth of John's church have taken the initiative. Rising to the challenge, they are holding park meetings from May to September and are continually passing out tracts proclaiming God's love and liberty.

Redeeming Grace. The net result is gradual growth in church attendance and number of converts. The vivid ministry of the Verbarendses is manifested by God's

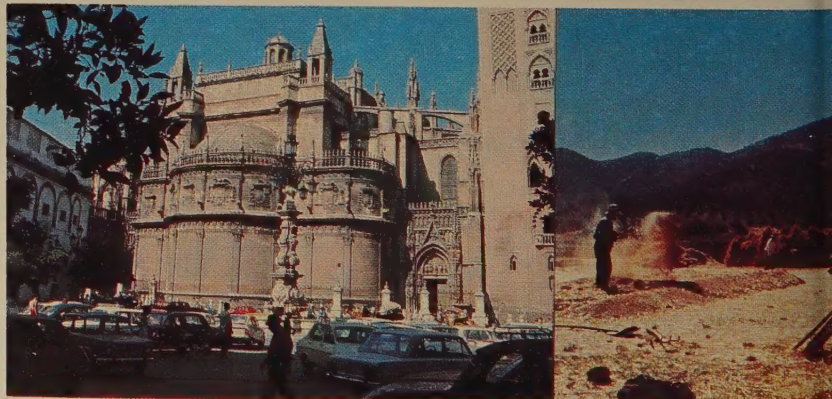
(Top row, left) John and Donna Verbarendse bring 25 years of experience to our emerging work in Spain. These veteran missionaries are on the leading edge of God's awakening and redemptive move over the Iberian peninsula.

(2nd row, left) Under the Verbarendse's ministry, many Spaniards are rising to positions of leadership. Able and gifted, they provide strong teaching, worship, and administration for our churches in Spain.

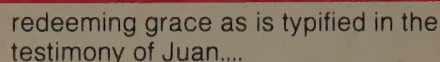
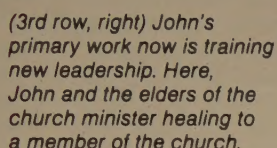
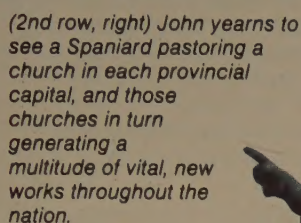
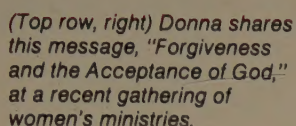
(2nd row, center) God's redeeming grace has touched every age and condition. Families are being reunited, bodies healed, minds renewed and those in bondage set free.

(3rd row, left) Growing religious freedom has prompted many believers to evangelize more intensely than ever before. The net results are growing numbers of converts and expanding congregations.

(3rd row, center) Rising to the call of God, young leaders are taking the gospel to the people through open-air meetings in the parks. Music, drama and the preaching of the Word are reaping souls for the kingdom.



MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL



Juan was a drug addict. One night he attended a service and during the invitation went forward for salvation. To his amazement, at the altar he met his mother. Eight days before, she had ordered him from her home. Their meeting was a surprise to both, since it was the first time that either had attended. That night Juan was baptized and set free from bondage to drugs!

The New Message. Years of authoritarian rule have conditioned many Spaniards into a fearful, inhibited life-style. But God is equipping a vanguard to carry a new message to them...a message of freedom and new life.

- Pray for religious freedom to continue.

- Pray that God will raise up strong leaders within each church.
- Pray for an increasing openness to the gospel among the people, and that churches will multiply.
- Pray that God will give John and Donna increasing wisdom and strength to meet their heavy workloads.

God has opened Spain to the gospel. Those who don't know God's redeeming grace can be reached as we give, go and pray...

Together!



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE... A REPORT OF FOURSQUARE WORLD MINISTRIES



"Deutschland for Jesus" Proclaims West Germans

MILITARY POST AND "RED LIGHT" DISTRICT SEE WITNESSING. "The servicemen coming here are barraged with porno, beer and 'frauliness,'" report Don and Liz McPherson from Mainz, West Germany. "Many good, clean, religious but unsaved men have fallen because of this. But God is using our church to reach out and care for these troubled people."

God is raising up a church of loving, caring and "on fire" service people that

are reaching out to help other U.S. people and Germans, too. Street preaching and witnessing results in souls saved even at the front gate of the military post. Meetings near the railroad station and in the "red light" district of Frankfurt are also bearing a witness and result in building the kingdom of God.

Don states, "This nation observes many religious rituals. Of the 60 million Germans, most have never heard about salvation through the blood of Jesus. We are praying God will continue His work with the military and expand it everywhere. May God raise up Germans to reach 'Deutschland for Jesus.'"

Chief Witch Meets Christ in Mexico

WITCH'S DARK ARTS COULDN'T HEAL HUSBAND. Rev. Rodriguez pastors a church in San Luis Potosi, supporting himself financially by selling clothes, according to a report by Humberto Paz, missionary to Mexico.

During a business trip to nearby Santa Maria, he stopped at a house to make a sale. He knocked...a lady answered. They began a conversation during which she mentioned that her husband was ill. Rev. Rodriguez offered to pray. She agreed.

After prayer the man was instantly healed! The lady was astonished. She

A Buddhist stops at a Hong Kong temple to divine the future. Magic sticks supposedly "tell all." What he really needs is to know who is the complete provision for his life.



The Church may function quite differently after 1997. Here Dr. Don McGregor leads a "preparedness conference." The theme: "Effective Ministry Through Home Meetings."



the town's chief witch and her dark
ts hadn't been able to heal her
sband. She definitely wanted to know
re about Jesus.

Quickly this couple accepted Jesus
their Savior, renouncing witchcraft.
though they have been threatened,
ey remain faithful. Through their
ample eight more families, who prac-
ed witchcraft, have also come to
sus.

**CHURCH KEEPS MAKING MORE
CHURCHES.** Rev. Roberto Diaz pastors
church of 300. Since the inception of
s church he has been preparing 10
uples to minister in different parts of
e city.

three are now ready. When they
ave, 30-40 from the church will
company them, thus providing a firm
undation for each new work.
Pastor Diaz believes that training
d sending must be a natural outflow
church life. In time he plans to send
her leaders to the state of Nuevo
on.

NEW TREND. Mexico has long been a
arget for strong evangelistic efforts.
Unfortunately, little time was taken to
roperly ground and edify new believers.
new trend, however, is producing
amatically different results.

Rev. Paz comments: "Since we've
gun to address these needs, our
stors are beginning to notice spiritual
owth in themselves as well as in our
urches."

**NEIGHBORS ARE GATHERING IN
OME CHURCHES!** Because of Mexi-
s history, many people reject invita-
ons to evangelical churches...but they
illingly attend home Bible studies.



"Walled City." May the gospel penetrate the "walls" of people's hearts with the light of Christ.

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From one church alone, 28 home meet-
ings regularly take place. The average
attendance in a meeting is 30.

Through these efforts, many who have
never crossed the threshold of an
evangelical church are now accepting
Jesus. Hallelujah...the Church in Mexico
is at work!

1997: All of Hong Kong Awaits

1997: THEN WHAT? The Hong Kong
society is confronted with this question,
"What will happen in 1997?"

England presently claims sovereignty
over Hong Kong, report Larry and JoAnn
Six, but in 1997 the 99-year lease with



*Let us ever remember the Chinese
brethren...and our responsibility to intercede
for them.*

the People's Republic of China is due to
expire. Unless a new accord is forth-
coming, control will revert to China.

What implications would such a
change mean? Speculation is running



*The education of thousands of children has
long been a priority of the Church in Hong
Kong. Pray that God will make provision for
Hong Kong's future...the children.*

rampant. But the answer is always the
same—no one really knows.

What will the Christian Church exper-
ience if the change does occur? Again,
no one has the answer. But, anytime a
nation undergoes change in rule, there

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are consequences for the Church.
Sometimes positive...sometimes nega-
tive.

The Church in Hong Kong is con-
tinually praying for God's protection and
guidance. The believers are also consi-
dering what steps must be taken to
prepare for the future.

**MAYBE THE CHRISTIANS SHOULD
NOT LEAVE....** Many are considering
emigration from Hong Kong before '97.
But some Christians, also looking to the
future, are more concerned with a
continuing witness than a change in
life-style.

One young believer was offered the
chance to come to the U.S. but, she
answered, "If the Christians leave, who'll
continue to witness for Jesus after the
change? We must remain to be a light
for Jesus!"

MAN RULES, BUT GOD REIGNS.
Although the "form" of Christian gather-
ings may change after '97, Christians
here in Hong Kong sense that a powerful
move of God is pending.

Many believe that it will engulf the
entire Chinese world, preparing the
Church for the return of Christ.

Our role: Please pray for the Church
in Hong Kong. Ask God to prepare them
for the future. Jesus can and will see
His Church through any adversity.



Jesus the Coming King

"Behold, He cometh with
clouds; and every eye
shall see Him" (Rev. 1:7, KJV)



Heritage

By Dr. Guy P. Duffield

four "squares" of the Foursquare Gospel: Jesus the Savior, Jesus the Baptizer with Holy Spirit, Jesus the Healer, and Jesus the Coming King. Dr. Duffield brings the final of this four-part series.

He's coming again! The second coming of Jesus Christ is the blessed hope of the Church. This is what keeps us going when the battle is hard. The very thought that at any moment Jesus will come keeps our hearts and minds stayed upon Him. The fourth phase of the Foursquare Gospel is Jesus the Coming King. We believe the Bible teaches the literal, bodily, visible, premillennial, imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

JUST AS REAL AS HIS FIRST COMING

First, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will be just as real as His first coming. It will be just as literal as when He was born a baby in Bethlehem.

Second, we believe in the bodily return of Jesus Christ. When the Lord arose from the grave, after His crucifixion, He arose with a literal, physical body. It could be seen, it could be touched, and it could eat and drink. When Jesus ascended to the Father in the Mount of Olives, two men (possibly angels) said,

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11, KJV). Just as surely as the body of Jesus was taken up from the mountain, so surely will that body return.

Third, the return of Jesus Christ will be visible. Rev. 1:7 says, "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him" (KJV). I don't think you will have to

be told that Jesus has returned. You are actually going to be able to look upon your Savior. I get a thrill out of that!

Fourth, we believe in the premillennial coming of Christ. We do not believe that the Church is going to bring in the millennium. But Jesus is going to come, and He will establish His kingdom.

Finally, we believe in the imminent return of our Lord. That is just a theological word for saying that Jesus will come for His Church at any moment. Blessed be God, I do not know of one prophecy that has to be fulfilled before the rapture takes place.

Now, is that all religious fantasy? Is this all wishful thinking? Is this all something that was dreamed up by an extra-imaginative preacher? Not at all! But you say, "What assurance do we have that Jesus is actually going to come?"

WE KNOW HE WILL COME!

The first assurance is the best of all: the words of Jesus. I'll take His word against any teaching. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3, KJV).

Do you suppose that He has been preparing that place all these years? If so, it must be a beautiful place. But oh, that promise that He will come again! Did you ever have a friend promise you that he would come back? You put your trust in that friend, because you had learned to depend upon his word. Jesus said, "I will come again."

For our second assurance, I want to take you back to the Mount of Olives where Jesus ascended into heaven. The two men said, "This same Jesus" would come again. Don't you like those words: "this same Jesus"? The Christ who was born in Bethlehem will come. The Savior who healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, and caused the deaf to hear will come.

Now I want you to notice that this is not a doctrine that was concocted by some religious fanatic years after this incident with a wishful hope that Jesus would come again. This was a promise that was given on the very spot where the disciples saw Him ascend. We can be assured of this promise.

The third reason for assurance comes through the teaching of the apostles. This truth of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is mentioned no less than 300 times in the New Testament. Whole chapters are given to a discussion of this event: Matthew 24-25, Mark 13, Luke 21, I Corinthians 15, and others.

OUR FINAL ASSURANCE

The final point of assurance comes through the fact that His first coming was fulfilled. I am amazed as I look through the Old Testament and notice the almost endless details prophesied of Jesus' birth. He was to be born of a virgin. He was to be born in the City of Bethlehem. One writer declares that in the last 24 hours of Christ's life at his crucifixion, no less than 24 prophecies were fulfilled.

If I ever wonder and begin to doubt about how all the details of Christ's Second Coming will be fulfilled, I simply remind myself about the fulfillment of the prophecies regarding Christ's first coming. The God that accomplished that can do this.

Do you want to know something? No one has ever been nearer to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ than you who are reading this right now. He's coming again!

Dr. Duffield, professor at LIFE Bible College, Los Angeles, California, received his 50-Year Pin for ministry in 1980. He, along with Dr. N. M. Van Cleave, is currently completing a doctrine textbook for the college, which may be the most complete book of systematic theology written by Pentecostal authors.

For a more in-depth study on the beginnings and doctrines of the Four-square Gospel, the paperback book, *The Four-square Gospel*, is available for \$1.75 plus 20% for shipping from Four-square Publications, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026.



Inside Our Foursquare Family

LIFE Bible College Rallies Behind the Vision

"ADVANCING THROUGH THE '80s"—The vision of the Lord is stirring hearts at LIFE Bible College, Los Angeles, reports Mrs. Millie Belden on behalf of the college.

Beginning in the fall quarter of 1983, a number of new subjects will be introduced into the foreign missions curriculum. Many of these classes can be wonderfully beneficial even for the student who is planning to minister right here in the United States.

Because of the great influx of refugees, foreign exchange students and even foreign businessmen in America, there are unlimited opportunities for cross-cultural ministry. Subjects such as urban evangelism, church growth, and cross-cultural church planting are only three of the twelve excellent new courses being offered.

We believe God has given us a vision, and with the vision, the wisdom and expertise to partner with Him to see it fulfilled.

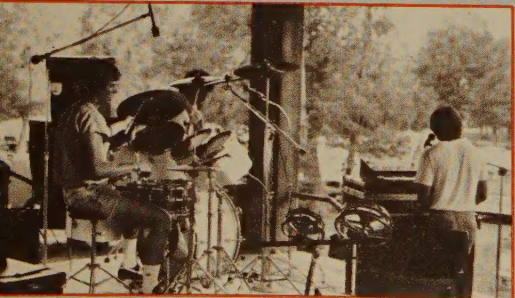
Youth Alive in Community Outreach

Thomasville, North Carolina: Youth from several Foursquare churches gathered in November to hand out gospel tracts and invitations for an evening concert at the Foursquare church being pioneered there. As a result, several were saved and the pioneer church was promoted.

Belmont, North Carolina: Youth pastor, Scotty Reece, is sponsoring monthly "Celebration Concerts" at the Foursquare church for surrounding Foursquare churches and community youth. The auditorium is being packed out for dynamic, anointed evenings of music and ministry.

Owen Sound Foursquare Makes Itself Heard

The Owen Sound Foursquare Church, Ontario, Canada, rang out the gospel news loudly and clearly through a community outreach of music and testimony at



Harrison Park. Twenty people from the Owen Sound church body and some from the North Bay, Ontario, Foursquare Church ministered to over 1,000 people during the

four-day outreach. The band "Rhythm Praise" shared to people at the park, while 1,000 tracts were handed out. The event concluded with openair services on the church lawn.

"This was the result of a vision God laid on my heart as a way to reach the city with the gospel of Jesus Christ," shares Pastor Louie Foster. "Three people accepted Jesus, and others asked for prayer for loved ones and needs in their lives. We need but to lift our heads and see the fields that are white, ready for the harvest."



A Mile of Pennies—
Recently,
Rev. Harry

Poling challenged his 50-family congregation at Calvary Chapel Foursquare Church, LeClaire, Iowa, to raise "a mile of pennies" to build a wheelchair ramp onto their church.

North Platte, Nebraska, Celebrates 50th—District Supervisor Glenn Metzler presented the 50th Year Plaque to Pastor and Mrs. Ellis Ryherd and the church



council members on October 31, 1982. Pictured here is Alta Manners (left), active charter member, and Grandma Bessie Baker (91 years old), oldest church member.

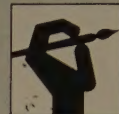
Seed Sown...In 2,000 Homes

"We have started sowing seed to our whole city, one person at a time," writes Rev. Robert E. Brown, pastor of the United Foursquare Church in Texarkana, Texas. "We go door to door knocking, telling about Jesus and leaving flyers designed for the unsaved."

"We have knocked on about 2,000 doors since June, and our attendance has almost doubled on Sunday mornings. One couple came to church who were living out of wedlock. Upon our follow-up, the girl dedicated her life to Jesus and moved out that night back to her parents' home. Our body is full of expectation now as we meet knowing things are happening."

"I believe churches grow like Mark 4:28: 'First the blade, then the head, then the

mature grain in the head" (NASV). But before all that, the sower must sow the seed before the blade will grow. Go and sow."



Letters

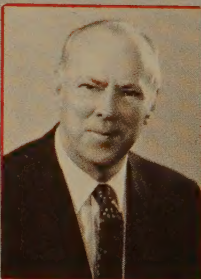
"I have been reading your publication. Glory to God for all you saints. My personal experience in my life started August 16, 1980, and still the good Lord is sharing with me each and every minute.

"An ex-alcoholic and gambler, I am a sinner saved by God's grace, a vessel of the Lord. I will be getting out (of prison) on October 22, 1983, or maybe sooner. Keep spreading God's word in that beautiful little publication.

"I am sending a poem I wrote:

There is a man called Jesus
He came to me when I had no one else
My world fell apart
Leaving me all broken hearted
Rejected by this world for sins of yesterday
Friends whom I thought to be
Ran out on me
The games I played for Satan
Turned out ragged and shame
But when I cried out for help
The Lord Jesus Christ came
Wiped away my tears
And told me to never fear
Because He was there
He was rejected by the world
Laughed at, spit upon, mocked and
beaten
Put upon a tree
So you and I could be free

—In love through Christ,
Brother Johnny Wayne Reed,
Soledad Prison, California"



Former Supervisor Earl W. Dorrance Receives Eternal Reward

Dr. Earl W. Dorrance, former Supervisor of the Southern California District of Foursquare Churches, passed away on April 8, 1983. Dr. Dorrance served as Supervisor from 1943 until his retirement in 1968. Under his supervision, 143 churches were pioneered. Dr. Dorrance is survived by his wife, Edythe, who is residing in Sun City, California. A final tribute will be published in next month's ADVANCE.



Current Events & Comments

Plead Guilty and Go Free

Thanks to the new United States Football League, football is now almost a year-round sport. Fans who allow telecasts of games to keep them away from church now have more opportunity than ever to ponder whether they fulfill Paul's prophecy of perilous times in general in the last days and "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (II Tim. 3:4, V), in particular.

Football players have appeared in the news rather constantly even when not playing the game. The names of Mercury Morris and Herschel Walker have attracted considerable attention of late. Mercury Morris was offered an opportunity to plead guilty to drug charges

against him, with the promise of a reduced or suspended sentence. He refused, preferring to take a chance on an acquittal at a trial.

While legal appeals possibly may reverse the verdict of the jury, Mercury Morris lost his freedom by declining to confess. He complains that the severity of his twenty-year prison sentence is excessive for the crime of which he was convicted, selling just over a pound of cocaine to an undercover officer. His comment did not sound repentant: "I was a cocaine user, just like 19 or 20 million other Americans." Since when does massive lawbreaking justify flouting the statutes?

On the other hand, Morris says he feels no bitterness and hopes others will learn from his experience. Perhaps that was the hope also of the judge who pronounced the stiff sentence. At any rate, Morris says, "I feel I am already rehabilitated."

Mercury Morris' refusal to confess and subsequent conviction mirror in a very small way the predicament of all sinners who neglect to accept the salvation Jesus offers and, consequently, expose themselves to eternal hell. With most human justice, it is "confess and go to jail." But God invites sinners to confess and go free and go to heaven. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2:3, KJV). By pleading guilty we gain acquittal. But every day a

man neglects to repent means one more day to repent of and one less day to repent in.

Herschel Walker, after signing a professional football contract and then trying to back out of it to continue at the University of Georgia, first attempted to cover up his act. But once the media exposed it, he confessed that he had lied and asked forgiveness from the public. The colleges may not forgive him, but evidently his coach, Vince Dooley, did. He told critics, "A lot of you have said Herschel lied to me. Yes, he did, but my children have lied to me about some very important things. Yes, I'm mad and I'm hurt that he lied. But those things happen and it doesn't stop you from loving them."

God loves all sinners but summons them to confess and forsake their sins. "He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy" (Prov. 28:13, RSV). Those guilty of scandalously bringing about more sinful acts and attitudes than Mercury Morris and Herschel Walker indulged in, and those whose worst faults seem mere peccadillos in comparison, both need the forgiveness of God obtained at the new birth by faith in Jesus Christ. And He deserves to be first in our lives, rather than football or business or any other consideration.

Dr. Cox is the pastor of the Salem, Oregon, Foursquare Church.



By Rev. M. E. Clark

What Is America Finding With "New Freedom"?

Phyllis Schlafly, in an article on "Schools in Crisis" published in the *Christian Digest* (January/February, 1983), makes a significant statement: "The major goal of many sex education curricula in today's schools is to teach teenagers (and sometimes children) how to enjoy fornication without having a baby and without feeling guilty." This kind of education is but one of many attacks upon the morals and homes of America in a wave of "new freedom." Changing attitudes are beginning to be visible. United States census bureau

reports, just now becoming available, reveal that in 1970 there were 216 single mothers for each 1000 births, increasing to 254 in 1979. Legal abortions which, in 1973 were 16.5 per 1000, increased in 1978 to 28.2. Add to these statistics the pregnancies prevented by effective available contraceptives and it is apparent that an alarming situation exists.

What does this mean? Is the American home on its deathbed? Will the new freedoms for women result in liberating the man of the future from parental responsibility except for sex acts with various women who on occasion desire his services? Will children come to look upon a state nursery as both father and mother while its natural parents are "doing their own thing"?

The youth of America also enjoy many freedoms. Years ago they won freedom from "released" time Bible instruction. This was followed by freedom from Bible reading and prayer in the public schools. Intimate relationships no longer required marriage to be accepted. Judeo-Christian concepts were joyfully set aside for the new hedonistic morality sweeping over the world.

Your author states here and now that he is in favor of freedom for all. In no way is

it his desire to encourage the oppression of anyone, race or sex. There are, however, some eternal truths which do not go away regardless of what men want or desire.

God created man and woman. He instituted marriage. He made the rules for the roles both men and women are to fulfill. The man is to leave his parents' home and cleave to his wife. The husband is to love his wife as his own flesh. The wife is to love her husband. They are to forsake all others for each other. A strong, healthy relationship is to make them one flesh, one heart, and one soul.

Children are to be born, grow and learn in this kind of home. The first school is the care of loving parents.

And the Church must show the way. The Word of God must be taught in honesty and simplicity. This can bring renewal of faith on the way to true happiness.

With God's help, America can forsake the road to frustration, sorrow and guilt. We can find the One who is "the way, the truth and the life" (cf. John 14:6). It is still true that "He whom the Son sets free, is free indeed" (cf. John 8:36).

Rev. Clark is the pastor of the Charlotte, North Carolina, Community Foursquare Church.

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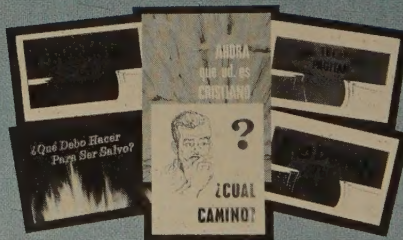
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